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In the application of:

Xiaobo WANG et al.

Serial No.: 09/636,104

Filing Date: August 10, 2000

For: METHODS FOR MANIPULATING
MOIETIES IN MICROFLUIDIC
SYSTEMS

Examiner: John Starsiak

Group Art Unit: 1753

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this action is due on or before January 2, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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